

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Sir: Date: January 24, 2001

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNIQUES FOR PROVIDING PRODUCT CONFIGURATIONS TO AN ENTERPRISE  
RESOURCE PLANNER

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
29 pages of specification and claims including  
9 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
11 sheets of accompanying drawings.

☐ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed

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☐ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

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